

**Water Quality Advisory Group
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Workgroup Session
Thursday, October 4, 2001
Tippecanoe County Public Library, 627 South Street, Conf. Rm B
Lafayette, IN
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. E.S.T**

AGENDA

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| 1. | Introductions | John Fekete |
| 2. | De minimis and Unused loading capacity Discussion
a. Review of Proposed Principals for Significant Lowering | IDEM/WQAG |
| 3. | Wrap up and Next agenda issues | |
| 4. | Meeting adjourned | |

**Issues Discussed by WQAG
7/12/01**

- I. Wet Weather Events
 - A. Wet Weather Technical Advisory Group (WWTAG)
- II. Issues Discussed in Legislation
 - A. SEA 431 components
- III. Special Designations of Water Bodies
 - A. Outstanding State Resource Waters (OSRWs)
 - B. Net Watershed Improvement for OSRWs
- IV. State Antidegradation Policy
 - A. Ambient Background Determination
 - B. Activities that do not constitute significant lowering (Exceptions and Exemptions to Tier 2 Requirements)
 - C. Implementing “Overall Improvement” Requirements
 - D. Social and Economic Impacts
 - 1. Social and Economic determination
 - 2. “Necessary” to discharge
 - E. De Minimus Lowering of Water Quality
 - F. Unused Loading Capacity
- V. Sediment and Biological Water Quality Criteria
 - A. Scott Ireland, USPEA, presentation (sediments)
 - B. Thomas Simon, USFWS, presentation (bacteria)
 - C. Steve Newhouse, IDEM, presentation (macroinvertebrates)
 - D. James Stahl, IDEM, presentation (biotic integrity)]